

## "THE CLIMBERS" TO BE BILLED NEXT WEEK AT THE COLUMBIA

Clyde Fitch's Play Will Be Presented At F Street Theater.

Into the gorgeous realm of New York's most exclusive social set the Columbia Players will be projected next week, when the attraction at the Columbia Theater will be Clyde Fitch's masterful comedy drama, in four acts, "The Climbers."

The latest Parisian gowns, the most perfect and artistic features of home decorations, and the fascination offered by the ultra fashionable set will each add to the attracting of the audiences that are sure to crowd the theater.

Amelia Bingham headed the cast that originally produced the play at the Bijou Theater, New York, January 15, 1901, where it was greeted as the greatest work Mr. Fitch had then given the world.

The cast calls for twelve men and nine women and includes exact parts for all of the favorites of the Columbia Players.

This week's presentation of "The Way to Win a Woman" marks the closing of the Butterfield Players' stock engagement at the Belasco Theater. For ten weeks, the period for which the theater and players' services were engaged, this organization has given very general satisfaction to local theatergoers, and to the many admirers of Mr. Butterfield and his players. Encouraged by the success of the past ten weeks, Mr. Butterfield had intended renewing his lease of the Belasco, but when he learned that several of his players had previously contracted other engagements to follow their ten weeks' contract with his company, and others had made definite arrangements for vacation trips, it was deemed advisable to close at the end of the period originally stipulated, rather than reorganize another company. However, Mr. Butterfield announces that he has signed contracts with the Mosses, Schubert for a more extended stock season next summer. With only three more days before the close of the Butterfield season, it is hoped that the Belasco patrons will take advantage of this notice, and attend these few farewell performances.

Paul Armstrong's play, "All's Jimmie Valentine," with A. H. VanBuren in the name part, will be presented by the Pol Players next week. This is, perhaps, Mr. Armstrong's most gripping play, and one of unusual interest, telling the romantic story of the young convict whose release from prison is effected through the efforts of the girl whom he protected from the attack of a ruffian. Lettie Jewell will play opposite Mr. VanBuren, and the part is one which is said to afford her exceptional opportunity. Mark Kent, who has taken the part of Detective in the play a number of times, will again essay this role.

The feature of next week's bill at the Columbia is the Metropolitan Minstrels, which is regarded as the leading annual attraction of the summer season at the playhouse. The company is large and vocally adequate. Matthews, Scarth, and Matthews will be seen in their howling skill on operatic absurdities, entitled, "Before the Show." The De Mettles will offer their new terpsichorean features. Miss Phoebe Snow will present her latest sketch, "The Cream of Comedy." In "The Kelo and Payne" will feature a European acrobatic act. Pathe's weekly review heads the film pictures.

Chief of Children's Division Announces Her Second Appointment Since Getting Place.

Miss Julia C. Lathrop, chief of the Children's Bureau in the Department of Commerce and Labor, announced her second appointment yesterday, having chosen Miss Fanny Howe Flak, of New York, as her private secretary.

The new bureau will not begin work until the appropriation for it is available. It is expected that when a resolution extending appropriations to the pending the breaking of the deadlock between Congress and the White House over appropriation bills, provision will be made for the Children's Bureau.

This could not be done by merely extending appropriations, as there has previously been no appropriation for a Children's Bureau.

In discussing the manner in which the activities of the Government might be taken care of pending the settlement of difficulties arising over vetoes, Congressman Sherley suggested yesterday that a resolution might be so drafted as to provide for an extension of appropriations on the basis of the new appropriation bill. If this were done, the fees for the Children's Bureau would be included, and funds would be at hand for the beginning of that work in July.

Summer Officially Begins This Afternoon

Informally summer has been "in our midst" for some weeks, but officially it begins at 2:09 o'clock this afternoon. Straw hats have been here, and a few sporadic touches of torrid weather, but summer of the real variety does not open until today.

Incidentally, tomorrow will be the longest day in the year. With the inclusion of the dawn and the twilight, the total amount of daylight will be about sixteen hours. Tomorrow the earth will reach its shortest distance from the sun during its annual travels around its orbit.

Origin of Southern Cross Is Related

Dixie Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, was the guest last night of its president, Mrs. Maude Howell-Smith, at her residence, 1443 Massachusetts avenue northwest.

A talk on the origin of the Southern Cross was made by Mrs. Nina Knock, historian of the chapter. Members voted to make Dixie Chapter a member of the Home Board Association, which is now making payments on the Confederate Memorial Home, 1222 Vermont avenue northwest.

## ANACOSTIA CLAIMS FEES ARE UNFAIR

Citizens Will Present Side of Controversy Over Express Charges Before Interstate Commerce Commission. Bank Report Shows Encouraging Progress.

WASHINGTON TIMES BUREAU, ANACOSTIA, D. C., JUNE 20.

Citizens of Anacostia will have their first chance next Monday to present for consideration of the Interstate Commerce Commission in specific detail their complaints against the baggage, express, transfer, and railroad companies conducting business in the District. They have been endeavoring to compel these companies to institute for this section a system of house-to-house and store-to-store collection and delivery, as is in operation in other parts of the city. To this end the citizens have charged in general discrimination and violation of the act to regulate commerce.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has declined to give the citizens an opportunity of presenting their side of the situation, now that formal denials of the charges have been filed by all the companies involved. Testimony will begin Monday, and Anacostia business men will tell about cases of alleged failure to make collections in Anacostia and how additional charges are made for deliveries, and the suburban office system of the express companies will be exposed.

President Charles R. Burr, of the Anacostia Citizens' Association, which has filed the formal suit, will be the first witness, probably. Frank S. Bright, of Washington, is the attorney for the complainants.

At a late meeting of the officers and directors of the Anacostia Bank, which is completing its second year under the control of local capitalists, all the directors and officers previously serving were re-elected, as follows: George O. Watson, president; Maurice C. Backus, cashier; Dr. M. M. Moffett, vice president; Dr. R. A. Pyles, chairman of the executive committee; J. Frank Campbell, George S. King, James J. Glennan, Adolphus Gude, and F. M. Isaac, directors.

The bank publishes its financial statement in response to the recent call of the Comptroller of the Currency. A gain of 36.99 has been noted in its deposits in the past two months. The total amount is \$2,177,975. There are approximately 1,000 depositors, and the success with which the bank has met, representing local endeavor and cooperation wholly, is a matter of general comment.

Passengers on car No. 16, of the Anacostia Railway Company, were given a scare last evening when there was a collision between the car and a horse wagon belonging to Andrew Evers, a gardener at Bellevue. Car and vehicle were proceeding south, when the front of the former struck the rear of the wagon. Both were damaged. The accident occurred at Nichols avenue and M Street. James Dore, colored, was the driver of the wagon. Earl Holterman, conductor, and Harry Muse, motorman, were in charge of the car.

Following a protest by citizens living on the street, who were unable to gain ready access to their dwellings or to open their window blinds, the District has undertaken the cutting away of the ten big trees blown against the dwellings in Sunday's storm. Owing to the report that the District had no funds with which to do this work, citizens obtained permission to cut away the trees themselves, several proceeding to do so, when a force appeared late yesterday and began the work by direction of the municipal authorities.

Mrs. W. H. Hough, wife of Dr. Hough, resulted as follows: Norval W. Chatterday left for New York to remain with relatives for a short time.

Paul Hagan, of 2228 Chester street, is staying at Paeonian Springs, Va., for several weeks.

The Baptist Young People's Union of Anacostia Church has elected all its officers, as follows: Miss Edna Cookman, president; Miss Leonora Kelfor, secretary; Mrs. William Carter, treasurer.

The annual election of officers for the Sunday school of the Anacostia Baptist Church resulted as follows: Norval W. Greer, superintendent; Ladue McGill, secretary; Walter Matheson, assistant secretary; Mrs. John Payne, treasurer; Otto Heller, Librarian; William Carter, assistant librarian; Eugene Cookman, organist.

With the end of the current month, the passing to and fro of squads of the District National Guard for rifle practice on the Congress Heights range will cease almost entirely. By the end of the month the audit practice, as it is known, will be over, as by that time the entire brigade will have taken part in rifle practice.

Each squad of guardsmen remains on the ground for two weeks, and during the range, where there is a tented field capable of accommodating seventy men.

The rifle practice thus far has been entirely successful, and it is being carried on under the direction of Thomas S. King, inspector rifle practice, and superintendent of the range.

Beginning July 1, voluntary rifle practice will be started. The people of the community contiguous to the rifle range have become used to the sight of detachments of marching, camping, and range-firing soldiers. Not only do the District guardsmen visit the range in large numbers, but the regulars from Washington Barracks and members of the Marine Corps go there to camp and engage in rifle practice.

A familiar sight is that presented by the soldiers from the barracks who pass through so frequently now with pack mule trains, forage wagons well filled, and in all readiness for camping and practice on the march or on the range.

Joseph Mason and Roosevelt Rogers, colored, each thirteen years old, made their escape this morning about 8 o'clock from the industrial home at Blue Plains, D. C. Within an hour Mason was arrested near Congress Heights by Policeman Vernon Eskridge. Roosevelt Rogers was not caught.

Letters from prominent physicians addressed to Chas. H. Fletcher.

Dr. B. Halstead Scott, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have prescribed your Castoria often for infants during my practice, and find it very satisfactory."

Dr. William Belmont, of Cleveland, Ohio, says: "Your Castoria stands first in its class. In my thirty years of practice I can say I never have found anything that so filled the place."

Dr. J. H. Taft, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I have used your Castoria and found it an excellent remedy in my household and private practice for many years. The formula is excellent."

Dr. R. J. Hamlen, of Detroit, Mich., says: "I prescribe your Castoria extensively, as I have never found anything to equal it for children's troubles. I am aware that there are imitations in the field, but I always see that my patients get Fletcher's."

Dr. Wm. J. McCann, of Omaha, Neb., says: "As the father of thirteen children I certainly know something about your great medicine, and aside from my own family experience I have in my years of practice found Castoria a popular and efficient remedy in almost every home."

Dr. J. R. Clausen, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "The name that your Castoria has made for itself in the tens of thousands of homes blessed by the presence of children, scarcely needs to be supplemented by the endorsement of the medical profession, but I, for one, most heartily endorse it and believe it an excellent remedy."

Dr. R. M. Ward, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Physicians generally do not prescribe proprietary preparations, but in the case of Castoria my experience, like that of many other physicians, has taught me to make an exception. I prescribe your Castoria in my practice because I have found it to be a thoroughly reliable remedy for children's complaints. Any physician who has raised a family, as I have, will join me in heartiest recommendation of Castoria."

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